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In re Patent No. 6,524,199

Issue Date: February 25, 2003

Application No. 09/768,600

Filed: January 25, 2001

Title of Invention: **SYSTEM FOR LOCATING A
GOLF BALL**

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed August 31, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.378(e) requesting reconsideration of a prior decision which refused to accept under § 1.378(c) the delayed payment of the first maintenance fee for the above-referenced patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The patent issued February 25, 2003. Accordingly, the first maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from February 27, 2006 through August 27, 2006 or with a surcharge during the period from August 28, 2006 through February 25, 2007. This patent expired on February 25, 2007.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c)¹ to accept late payment of the maintenance fee was filed on July 23, 2007 and was dismissed in a decision mailed August 10, 2007 because the fees submitted were deficient.

Comes now the petitioner with the instant petition filed under 37 CFR 1.378(e). The renewed petition filed herein purports to be filed with a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the petition fee and the balance due for the maintenance fee and surcharge previously filed on July 23, 2007. A review of the papers filed with the petition do not reveal a check in the amount of \$450.00.

This patent will remain in an expired status until such time as the proper fees are submitted. Additionally, all fees are subject to change and petitioner should check the correct fees prior to filing a request for reconsideration.

¹37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

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